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SUBJECT: MOYNIHAN'S VIEWS ON KOREAN QUESTION

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM INGERSOLL

1. A VERY AGITATED PAT MOYNIHAN TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING FROM NEW YORK. HE SPENT 30 MINUTES TRYING TO CONVINCE ME OF THE WISDOM OF USUN'S PREFERRED SCENARIO (USUN 3412) FOR HANDLING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS. HE INSISTED THAT ANY VETO OF THE VIETNAMESE APPLICATIONS WOULD BE VIEWED BY THE VAST MAJORITY OF UN MEMBERS AS VINDICATIVENESS ON OUR PART FOR WHICH WE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY SUFFER RETALIATION IN THE FORM OF SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL. HE BELIEVES THE MIND-SET OF SENIOR ADVISERS SUCCEEDED IN DESTROYING TWO PRESIDENTS ON THE VIETNAM ISSUE AND MAY NOW THREATEN A THIRD. PAT FEELS VERY STRONGLY AND INDEED SAID TWICE THAT PERHAPS HE SHOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN THE UN JOB.

2. I TRIED REPEATEDLY TO CONVINCE PAT THAT OUR FOCUS
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WAS ON GETTING KOREA INTO THE UN, NOT ON KEEPING THE

VIETNAMESE OUT OF IT, AND THAT WE THOUGHT THE CASE
COULD BE ARGUED NOT ONLY LOGICALLY BUT WITH POLITICAL
IMPACT. NEVERTHELESS, I SUGGESTED THAT IF HE FELT SO
STRONGLY HE SHOULD APPEAL TO YOU DIRECTLY.

3. I SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED THIS CONVERSATION WITH
BUFFUM, WHO AT MY INSTRUCTION CALLED PAT TO REVIEW IN
GREATER DETAIL THE ANALYSIS WHICH UNDERLAY YOUR DECISION.
BUFFUM CALLED ME BACK TO SAY PAT HAD CALMED DOWN SOMEWHAT,
THOUGH HE IS STILL UNHAPPY.

4. I WANTED YOU TO BE AWARE OF THIS EPISODE, NOT SO MUCH
FOR WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT PAT'S STEWARDSHIP IN NEW YORK
(WE ALL KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT) BUT FOR ITS REFLECTION OF
GRAVE APPREHENSIONS WITHIN USUN ON THE VIETNAM AND
KOREAN MEMBERSHIP FIGHT, AND ITS EFFECT ON THE POSITION
OF ISRAEL. INGERSOLL

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